

Amendment No. 1 to SB3745

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 3745\***

**House Bill No. 3830**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is hereby created a special joint committee to study the impact of colon cancer on this state focusing on prevention, early detection, and treatment. The goal of the study is to recommend policy changes based on current science to reduce the incidence of colon cancer and thereby prevent suffering and mortality arising from such disease.

(b) Subjects to be addressed by the committee include, but are not limited to:

(1) The prevalence of colon cancer in this state;

(2) The economic, social, and individual impact of colon cancer on this state;

(3) The availability of insurance coverage for colon cancer prevention and treatment and the potential impact of recent changes in federal law on such availability;

(4) The adequacy of access to colon cancer screening facilities in this state, particularly for uninsured or underserved citizens of this state, and the potential impact of recent changes in federal law on such access; and

(5) The need for a "safety net" colon cancer screening program in this state.

SECTION 2.

(a) The special joint committee shall consist of twelve (12) members as follows:

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(1) One (1) member of the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives and one (1) member of the health and welfare committee of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers;

(2) The commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee;

(3) The commissioner of commerce and insurance, or the commissioner's designee;

(4) The deputy commissioner of health care finance and administration, department of finance and administration, or the deputy commissioner's designee;

(5) The state epidemiologist;

(6) One (1) member to be appointed by the American Cancer Society;

(7) One (1) member to be appointed by the Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition;

(8) One (1) member to be appointed by the Tennessee Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy;

(9) One (1) member to be appointed by the Tennessee Primary Care Association;

(10) One (1) member, to be appointed by the governor, who is a representative of TennCare managed care organizations; and

(11) One (1) member to be appointed by the governor to represent the commercial health insurance industry.

(b) Appointments shall occur on or before July 1, 2012 and shall be made to reflect the broadest possible representation of Tennessee citizens.

SECTION 3. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 4. The non-legislative members shall not receive compensation for serving on the committee but shall be reimbursed for attendance at meetings in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general.

SECTION 5. The committee shall be convened and co-chaired by the appointed members of the general assembly and at its first meeting shall elect such additional officers as the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 6. At the request of the committee, the various agencies and entities of state government shall assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

SECTION 7. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly by January 1, 2013, including any proposed legislation, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.